

Committee Meetings

POLLINATOR HEALTH

Committee on Agriculture:, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review the status of pollinator health including colony collapse disorder. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastings of Florida; Edward Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION; AND AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Began consideration of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations, but no action was taken.

PRE-K ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3289, PRE-K Act.

WORKPLACE TRANSGENDER DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on An Examination of Discrimination Against Transgender Americans in the Workplace. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, and Baldwin; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANCE COSTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on Climate Change: Costs of Inaction. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY DISCLOSURE ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 6066, Extractive Industries Transparency Disclosure Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREDIT CARDS PRACTICES AFFECTING STUDENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Problem Credit Card Practices Affecting Students." Testimony was heard from Benjamin Lawsky, Deputy Counselor and Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General (New York); and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 263, amended, Cybersecurity Education Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 2490, amended, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a pilot program for the mobile biometric identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlawfully attempting to enter the United States; H.R. 3815, amended, Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 4806, amended, Reducing Over-Classification Act of 2007; H.R. 5170, amended, Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Officer Act of 2008; H.R. 5531, amended, Next Generation Radiation Screening Act of 2008; H.R. 5743, Scientific Transformations through Advancing Research (STAR) Act; H.R. 5935, American Steel First Act of 2008; H.R. 5983, amended, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the information security of the Department of Homeland Security; H.R. 6098, amended, Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act; and H.R. 6193, amended, Improving Public Access to Documents Act of 2008.

SUBPOENA—ATTORNEY GENERAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Attorney General Michael Mukasey for certain documents previously requested.

DETAINEE INTERROGATIONS RULES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part III. Testimony was heard from David Addington, Chief of Staff, Vice President of the United States, and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4789, Performance Rights Act.

PRIVATE PRISON INFORMATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1889, Private Prison Information Act of 2007 (Part II). Testimony was heard from Representative Holden; and public witnesses.

NONNATIVE WILDLIFE INVASION PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 6311, NonNative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council; Nina Marano, D.M.V., Branch Chief, Geographic Medicine and Health Promotion Branch, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Domingo Cravalho, Jr., Inspection and Compliance Section Chief, Plant Quarantine Branch, Department of Agriculture, State of Hawaii; Lawrence M. Riley, Division Coordinator, Wildlife Management Division, Department of Game and Fish, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Governance and Financial Accountability of Rural Electric Cooperatives: the Pedernales Experience. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the State of Texas: Troy Fraser, Chair, Business and Commerce Committee, State Senate; and Patrick Rose, member House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

LOCALITY PAY EXAMINATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on An Examination of Locality Pay. Testimony was heard from the following officials of OPM: Kathrene, Executive Director, Federal Executive Board; and Charles Grimes, Deputy Associate Director; Hank Kashden, Deputy Chief, Business Operations, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE RESEARCH STATUS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, and the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a joint hearing on The State of Hurricane Research and H.R. 2407, National Hurricane Research Initiative Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Florida and Ros-Lehtinen; John L. Hayes, Assistant Administrator, Weather Services and Director, National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

AIR TRANSPORTATION CRISIS IMPACTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Grounded: How the Air Transportation Crisis is Hurting Entrepreneurs and the Economy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING AND RESTORING AMERICA'S WATERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Protecting and Restoring America's Great Waters—Part 1: Coastal Estuaries. Testimony was heard from Representative Dicks; Craig Hooks, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, EPA; David Kennedy, Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 6225, Injunctive Relief for Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 6224, Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 6221, Veterans-Owned Small Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008; H.R. 6272, SMOCTA Reauthorization Act of 2008; H.R. 4255, amended, United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2007; H.R. 6070, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act; H.R. 2910, amended, Veterans Education Tuition Support Act of 2007; H.R. 3298, amended, 21st Century Servicemembers Protection Act; and H.R. 2721, amended, To amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop, and the Secretary of Defense to distribute to members of the Armed Forces upon their discharge or release from active duty, information in a compact disk read-only memory format that lists and explains the health, education, and other benefits for which veterans are eligible under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

VETERANS HEALTHCARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on health care proposals. Testimony was heard from Gerald M. Cross, MD, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, and representatives of veterans organizations.

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the role of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) in our retirement system. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kind and Hulshof; Barbara Bovbjerg,

Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Thomas Reeder, Benefits Tax Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Bradford Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

BRIEFINGS—TREASURY UPDATE AND CIA PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive briefings on North Korea; Treasury Update and CIA Program. The committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFINGS—NORTH KOREA AND NATIONAL APPLICATIONS OFFICE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive sessions to receive a briefing on National Applications Office. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

GASOLINE AND FUEL ECONOMY—AUTO INDUSTRY AT CROSSROADS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “\$4 Gasoline and Fuel Economy: Auto Industry at a Crossroads.” Testimony was heard from Tyler Duvall, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D783)

H.R. 3179, to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments. Signed on June 26, 2008. (Public Law 110–248)

H.R. 3913, to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met. Signed on June 26, 2008. (Public Law 110–249)

S. 1245, to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region. Signed on June 26, 2008. (Public Law 110–250)

S. 2516, to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship. Signed on June 26, 2008. (Public Law 110–251)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.